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TO : EXECUTIVE FOR ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

DATE: 3 March 1948

FROM : CHIEF, SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Inspection of the [REDACTED] Area

1. Reference memorandum 1 March 1948, Brigadier General E. K. Wright, U. S. Army, Deputy Director, in regard to general conditions of the [REDACTED]

2. On Wednesday, 3 March 1948, I made an inspection of the area which I try to do approximately once each week, and offer the following information as an explanation for the condition of the property and not as an excuse.

a. Beginning on Tuesday, 24 February 1948, [REDACTED] for the first time, came to the [REDACTED] to inspect property which had not been picked up on his accountability records and arranged for the opening of crates to determine the content and also to decide whether such items will be picked up on his accountability or on the accountability of the several supply accounts under Services Branch. As a result, there was a great deal of debris on the property. Many of the personnel under the Storage and Issue Section worked several hours each evening and a full eight hour day on Saturday in an effort to rearrange certain stock in the Warehouse and to dispose of material turned over to Storage and Issue [REDACTED]

b. The move of property from [REDACTED] has resulted in quite a few readjustments, particularly where construction in the new Government-owned building is in process. In order to make these readjustments, it was necessary to temporarily remove certain items of equipment from the Warehouse and to store the same on the lot. The type of equipment moved was not such that it would be damaged by temporary outside storage.

c. Much of the equipment which General Wright saw on his inspection was equipment which has been stocked outside since as far back as 1943. This item was picked up on the inspection of [REDACTED] Generally speaking, the items consist of parts of a quonset hut, large generators, etc. The outside storage has been concurred in by Communications Division, OSO, and eventually, after all readjustments have been made, it is hoped that the bulk of the equipment will be either shipped, disposed of as surplus, or removed to inside storage.

d. Another explanation is the fact that many changes which we have planned for the [REDACTED] property and warehouse buildings have not progressed according to plan, due to the fact that the lease covering the property has not yet been accepted by CIA. The lease has been sent through the [REDACTED] to the Department of Justice for approval in order that the condemnation proceedings, filed by the Department of Justice, may be withdrawn. Under existing

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regulations, we are precluded from making any improvements, permanent or temporary, until the lease has actually been accepted. I realize that this matter does not concern the items mentioned in General Wright's memorandum but is submitted purely as information.

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3. As a result of my inspection this morning, many changes are in process and arrangements are being made to obtain additional temporary laboring personnel from PBA in order to assist in expediting the changes which we have planned. Upon inspection by General Wright or the Director, of course, some of these changes will be in process. I feel certain that of those things being considered, the property will be found to be in satisfactory condition.

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